

**City of Marlborough
Conservation Commission
Minutes
January 21, 2010 (Thursday)
Marlborough City Hall, 3rd Floor-Memorial Hall**

Members Present: Edward Clancy-Chairman, David Williams, John Skarin, Dennis Demers, Lawrence Roy, and Priscilla Ryder-Conservation Officer

Absent: Michele Higgins and Allan White

7:00 P.M.

Discussion

- DEP 212-1070 DiCenzo Blvd. Detention Basin (Cont.) – Discuss Operation and Maintenance Plan for detention basin on DiCenzo Blvd.

Don Seaberg of Benchmark Engineering was present and presented a draft agreement for the Operation and Maintenance Plan as required by the Order of Conditions. He noted that the draft was submitted to Target before Christmas, but he has not received a response from Target.

In summary, there are 4 entities that will manage the basin; so there needs to be agreements among all. They are proposing to charge a percentage based on the amount of flow entering the basin. It also includes that the basin would be mowed and inspected twice a year.

The Commission reviewed the document and discussed the agreement procedures regarding who will do the inspections. As written Fafard would be the responsible party to which other entities provide funds to fulfill the obligations outlined.

John Williams of Northborough Property Management Company and Rich Manning of Williamsburg Heights Condo Association were present and both indicated that they still needed to discuss the propose plans. On first read Mr. Manning said he'd rather have the tasks done by each entity rather than transfer funds, for example they could hire their landscaper to do the mowing and would already be cleaning their own catch basins.

The Commission asked about the planting plan which will be provided. The Commission determined that a new deadline for the Operation & Maintenance Plan and planting plan to be completed and signed should be at the March 4th meeting. Mr. Manning asked about the process and Franciskin Helmut of Target who was also present and said he'd convey the discussion to the other Target representatives and see that this is completed by March 4th. The meeting was continued to March 4th.

Certificates of Compliance

- DEP 212-916 114 Kelber Dr. – Full Certificate
Ms. Ryder noted that all work on the property has been completed per the Order of Conditions. The lawyers simply need to provide the deed language which they said would be provided by early next week. The Commission voted unanimously 5-0 to issue a full Certificate of Compliance and asked Ms. Ryder to hold it until the deed language is provided.

Correspondence/Other Business

- The list of Conservation meetings for 2010 was provided to the Commission
- High School Parking lot – Mr. Williams and Mr. Clancy noted that the snow pile at the high school is spilling over the hill into the brook/drainage area. CMS is doing the plowing. Ms. Ryder will look into this.
- Volunteer update by Priscilla Ryder:
 - Felton Conservation Land - have a volunteer who will be cutting up a large dead tree at the Felton Conservation Land
 - Desert Natural Area and Ghiloni Park - several volunteers will be working to remove invasive plants at this property
 - A new volunteer release form was provided by the Legal Dept. to give to volunteers to indemnify the city
- State MassHighway Land - the transfer of this land from MassHighway to Fish and Wildlife is moving forward. Should see some final decision within the next few months.
- Villages at Crane Meadow - there is a slight change to the Operation & Maintenance Plan to not require a registered engineer to make observations. This was acceptable to the Commission.

Meetings – Next Conservation Commission meetings will be Feb. 4th. The Feb. 18th meeting is school vacation week and there wasn't a quorum, so this one was cancelled.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Commission voted to adjourn at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Priscilla Ryder
Conservation Officer